

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment, is in response to the Restriction Requirement of April 8, 2003 (Paper No. 5), and is submitted concurrently with a Petition For Extension of Time to within the second extended month.

By this Amendment, the preambles of all pending claims were amended to recite "method for inhibiting bone resorption by inhibiting osteoclast formation...." Applicant believes this preamble more accurately recites that which applicant is claiming. Support for this Amendment can be found variously throughout the specification, for example, in the original claims. Other claim amendments variously correct spelling or grammatical errors. Additionally the title of the invention was also amended to be consistent with the claimed subject matter. No new matter was added, and none of the amendments were made to overcome any cited or applied references.

Restriction Requirement

The Office Action of April 8, 2003 required a group restriction between a method for inhibiting osteoclast formation and a method for inhibiting bone resorption. Applicant believes this restriction was based on the wording of the preamble. By this amendment, the preamble of the claims were amended to recite "method for inhibiting bone resorption by inhibiting osteoclast formation...." Applicant believes this preamble more accurately recites that which applicant is claiming. Applicant further believes that this amendment moots the group restriction requirement. Withdrawal of the group restriction is respectfully requested.

The Office Action further required an election of species for the inducing factor for prosecution on the merits. Applicants hereby elect "osteoclast forming factor" for the species election.

Applicant, of course, reserves the right to file a divisional application covering the non-elected subject matter.

In the event that any additional fees are required with respect to this paper, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge our Deposit Account No.18-0013.

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Respectfully submitted,

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